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SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" May I inform the Hon. Minister for Fisheries that it is due to the throwing of contraband dynamites that such things are occurring? Will the Government order some vigilance staff to look into the matter?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. I have already answered that the offices of the Fisheries Department have been asked to be more vigilant in the matter."

Deputation of Gazetted Officers to Pondicherry State.

* 1395 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Union Government requested the Madras Government to loan officers of Gazetted rank belonging to the Revenue, Public Works and Police Departments for service in the State of Pondicherry;

(*b*) if so, whether any officers were selected and their designation in the Madras State;

(*c*) whether any of the officers were promoted from Deputy Collectors to Collectors before they were sent and, if so, their names and service and the particular community to which they belong; and

(*d*) why Deputy Collectors belonging to the Scheduled Castes have not been taken?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The following gazetted officers of this State have been selected and deputed to serve under the Pondicherry Government :—

Revenue Department.

Sri A. V. Loganatha Mudaliar, Deputy Collector.

,, S. A. Sundararajan, Deputy Collector.

Public Works Department.

Sri T. S. Rajam, Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department.

,, N. Kumaraswamy, Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department.

,, P. K. Narayana Rao, Divisional Electrical Engineer.

,, K. V. Balasubramanian, Assistant Engineer (Electrical).

,, D. Ambrose, Assistant Engineer (Electrical).

Police Department.

Sri M. Balakrishna Menon, I.P., District Superintendent of Police.

,, A. Krishnaswamy, Deputy Superintendent of Police.

,, S. Palaniappan, Officiating Deputy Superintendent of Police.

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" (c) Neither of the two Deputy Collectors, Sri A. V. Loganatha Mudaliar and Sri S. A. Sundararajan, was promoted as Collector before they were sent to Pondicherry, but Sri A. V. Loganatha Mudaliar was promoted to the grade of Collector with effect from 7th December 1954 when his turn came. He is a Hindu.

" (d) The selection of officers was not made with reference to communities to which they belong. So far as the Deputy Collectors were concerned, the Government of India desired that senior men should be deputed."

Manufacture of improved agricultural implements.

* 1396 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government appointed a State Advisory Committee to review the programmes in the manufacture of improved agricultural implements in the State and to make suggestions, if any, to the manufacturer based on the tests carried out under the supervision of the Agriculture Department;

(*b*) whether the suggestions were forwarded to the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, by the State Government;

(*c*) the varieties of tools manufactured;

(*d*) the amount so far spent in the matter;

(*e*) how these agricultural tools were distributed in the year 1953; and

(*f*) how many ryots were benefited?

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The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) *to* (*f*) The non-official members of the Committee were appointed only in the third week of December last and the Committee has not yet met. The Director of Agriculture, who is the President of the Committee has reported that a meeting of the Committee is being convened and necessary action will be taken as soon as the Committee meets and makes its suggestions."

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Is any member of the Legislature in that Committee?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir, there is no representative of the Legislature as such in that Committee."